that the prospective distributors and consumers should ascertain the credentials and capabilities of the firms before entering into any business transaction with them. MRTP Commission also takes action against firms indulging in unfair trade practices.

Bids for Second South Bassein Hazira Gas Pipe Line

6759. SHRI VIREN J SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Asian Development Bank (ADB) has cleared 220 million dollars 240 km. second Bassein Hazira gas pipe line contract in favour of Hyundai, South Korea; if so what are the details in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that ONGC's Steering Committee had recommended Hyundai for the contract, if so, what are the details thereof and what is the price quoted by the Company;

(c) whether Government had also received bids from foreign as well as Indian companies for the contract;

(d) if so, what are the details of their bids quoted by these companies;

(e) the details of bids which have been accepted and rejected; and

(f) on what basis their quotations have been rejected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (f) ONGC Ltd had received bids from the following parties for laying works of second Bassein Hazira Trunk Pipeline Project:

1. Consortium of M/s Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. Ltd., Republic of Korea (HHI) and M/s Offshore Hyundai International, Vanuatu (OHI).

2. Consortium of M/s McDermott ETPM East B.V., Netherlands (MEEBV) and M/s HAM International Dredging & Marine Contractors, Netherlands (HAM).

3. M/s Contrucciones Maritimas Mexicanas S.A., Mexico (CMM).

The offer of CMM, Mexico was not considered as it did not meet the eligibility criteria that bids should be from Asian Development Bank member countries. The prices quoted by the two accepted bidders are as follows:

1 HHI-OHI

Nhava Sheva	—US$ 221,446,000
Kandla	—US$ 221,875,000
Mangalore	—US$ 222,598,000

MEEBV-HAM (Equivalent US$)

Nhava Sheva	—US$ 251,487,390.53
Kandla	—US$ 262,099,046.53
Mangalore	—US$ 263,545,487.53

(The exchange rate used is Rs. 100=US$ 3.1625=DFL (6.1850)

After obtaining the approval of the Steering Committee of ONGC as well as Asian Development Bank ONGC has awarded the contract to M/s HHI-OHI Consortium at a lumpsum price of US$ 220.875 million, after availing the good-will reduction of US$ one million offered by this bidder.

Defaulting LPG Agencies in the Country

6760. SHRI GOPAL SINGH G SOLANKI:
CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the state-wise details of the number of LPG agencies detected which had been selling duplicate gas cylinders to consumers during the last three years.

(b) the action taken against them;

(c) the source of getting duplicate gas cylinders by the agencies;

(d) the number of cases which have been detected in Gujarat in said years, and

(e) the action taken against the companies manufacturing duplicate cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Inspections are carried out by field staff of LPG marketing companies to detect circulation of spurious cylinders with the distributors and transporters, etc. However, on inspection, the spurious cylinders are mostly detected at the bottling plants, where they are crushed and destroyed. When transporters and distributors are found in possession of and selling or circulating spurious cylinders, warning is issued to them and a penal recovery of Rs. 1500/—per spurious cylinder is made from them.

(c) to (e) Spurious cylinders are injected into the system by unscrupulous elements, after procuring the same from cylinder manufacturers. When approved and licensed cylinder manufacturers are found to manufacture and supply spurious cylinders, further procurement of cylinders from them by the Oil Industry is suspended and statutory approvals are withdrawn. Police action against such manufacturers and those found involved in circulation of spurious cylinders is also taken. Suspected premises are raided and offenders are arrested and spurious cylinders seized

Purchase of cylinders has been suspended from eight cylinder manufacturers in the country at present for involvement in manufacture/supply of spurious cylinders as follows:

1 Veejay Metal Products Pvt Ltd., Andhra Pradesh.

2 Mullur Cylinders Pvt. Ltd., Belgaum.

3 Mullur Engineers Pvt Ltd., Halol.

4 Associated Cylinders Industries Pvt. Ltd., Jammu

5. International Cylinders Pvt. Ltd., Himachal Pradesh.

6. Punjab Gas Cylinders Ltd., Punjab.

7. Tirupati Cylinders Pvt. Ltd., Uttar Pradesh.

8. Everest Cylinders Pvt. Ltd., Uttar Pradesh.